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Howard (Dick),

To Dicks 7/17 on the front-entrance, I would add two things: I believe Mao was right before he changed his mind, that all the flowers should bloom; and there is argument in the pictures you saw here reinforcing Dick's, as there is in what I've gotten since then and will send. I haven't been back to the photographer's.

I'm all for the exploration of all possibilities. I regularly help with what I disagree with, to this end. But the key is "possibility". The flower has to be able to bloom.

Of course, I'm prejudiced, for I believe this anterior wound as one of entrance only beging with WHITEWASH. I've not changed my mind since and have seen no reason to entertain the thought. I have looked for it. I admit prejudice also in that the belief the shirt and tie damage was by the hospital is also mine.

But let me ask you to consider two things: why the elaborateness of the coverup on this point if not to hide the known fact that it had to be of entrance?

And how can the damage to the shirt and tie and the total absence of spectrographic traces be explained in any other way?

The damage to the cloth was not by a bullet or fragment of bullet. Therefore, the anterior neck wound was caused by something that did not damage the clothing. Ergo, the bullet did not transit the cloth, the anterior wound was higher than conjectures, and the law prohibiting all of this goes back to Euclid.

To me the key thing in Dick's letter is "time". It is always precious. If more so at my age than at yours, it is still the thing of which, in this work, you have least and therefore should not waste. The answer is that you are not wasting time. Compared with the other endeavors relating to the medical evidence to which you can devote yourself, is this the way to be spending time?

Best to both,